

Hesse, Jennifer

From: Janice Antonio [afgelocal1395@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 5:58 PM
To: PetCokeComments
Subject: Notice of Proposed Regulations - For the Handling and Storage of Bulk Material Piles

Department of Public Health
Attn: Environmental Permitting and Inspections

The difficulty in reading the on-line documentation which references section after section promotes cynicism in the intent of such municipal regulation. Aside from the obstacles to comprehension, several specifics in the proposed regulations are objectionable. The two-year grace period to construct an enclosure is unacceptable to me, a resident of Chicago. I believe the obvious risks to human and environmental health of unenclosed petcoke pile content spreading throughout the air and water demands fast containment action.

Further, I object to the setback given in the regulation because the determination of such setbacks are unexplained. What is the level of economic and health risks anticipated by these setbacks?

I also am concerned about the rationale for allowing the Commissioner of Health to grant variances. What guidelines will be used by the Commissioner? How will the public be notified of variances under consideration? What is the point of regulations that can be overridden by one official?

Finally, I object to the absence of penalties in these regulations.

I hope the Department of Public Health will have the Environmental Permitting and Inspection staff re-write these regulations for clarity and effectiveness in protecting the health of Chicagoans.

Sincerely,

H.J. James
Albany Park Resident
Chicago, IL